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Idaho Milk Production Up 5 Percent

Idaho milk production during February 2001 totaled 562 million pounds, up 5.0 percent from the same month last year. February 2001 contains one less day than February 2000 due to the leap year. Adjusting last February's production to 28 days results in an increase of 8.7 percent from February 2000. February 2001 production decreased 9.2 percent from January 2001. Revised production for January 2001 totaled 619 million pounds, up 7.8 percent from January 2000. Average milk production per cow in February 2001 was 1,580 pounds, down 30 pounds from February 2000 and 160 pounds less than January 2001. The average number of milk cows in February was 356,000 head, 24,000 more than in February 2000 but unchanged from January 2001.

Nationally, February milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.2 billion pounds, down 4.3 percent from February 2000. Adjusting last February's production because of the extra day would put February 2001 milk production down 0.9 percent from last year. January revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was down 1.6 percent from January 2000. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,440 pounds for February, 66 pounds below February 2000. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 7,000 head more than February 2000, but 10,000 head less than January 2001.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, February 2000-2001

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2001 As Percent of 2000
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona	137	140	1,935	1,655	265	232	88
California	1,496	1,567	1,710	1,630	2,558	2,554	100
Florida	157	155	1,410	1,360	221	211	95
IDAHO	332	356	1,610	1,580	535	562	105
Illinois	120	117	1,480	1,380	178	161	90
Indiana	141	150	1,330	1,305	188	196	104
Iowa	215	215	1,500	1,410	323	303	94
Kentucky	130	130	1,090	1,025	142	133	94
Michigan	296	302	1,510	1,460	447	441	99
Minnesota	540	520	1,465	1,390	791	723	91
Missouri	157	148	1,220	1,070	192	158	82
New Mexico	238	261	1,730	1,550	412	405	98
New York	700	670	1,370	1,380	959	925	96
Ohio	259	263	1,410	1,320	365	347	95
Pennsylvania	617	602	1,475	1,420	910	855	94
Texas	350	343	1,480	1,265	518	434	84
Vermont	160	154	1,405	1,335	225	206	92
Virginia	120	118	1,335	1,265	160	149	93
Washington	246	247	1,795	1,690	442	417	94
Wisconsin	1,355	1,315	1,375	1,355	1,863	1,782	96
20 STATE TOTAL	7,766	7,773	1,506	1,440	11,694	11,194	96

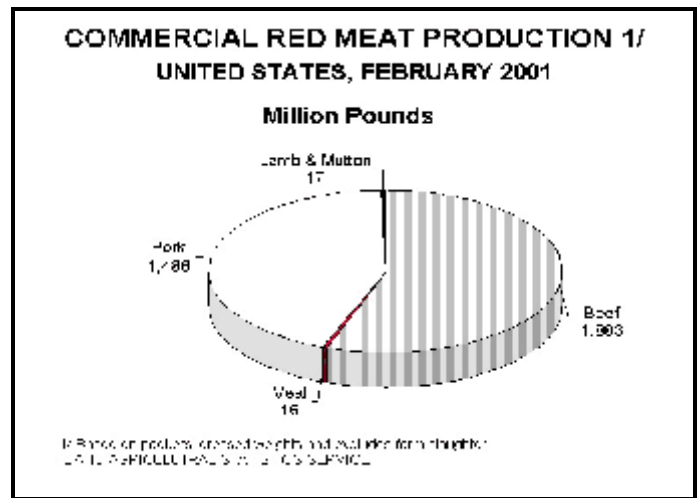
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Red Meat Production Up 1 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for February 2001 totaled 45.0 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year. February production was down 15 percent from January's 53.0 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-February 2001 period totaled 98.0 million pounds, up 1 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.40 billion pounds in February, down 10 percent from the 3.77 billion pounds produced in February 2000. Beef production, at 1.88 billion pounds, was 13 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.58 million head, down 12 percent from February 2000. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,218 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.49 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.60 million head, 6 percent below February 2000. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 264 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 17 million pounds, was down 13 percent from February 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 245 thousand head, 16 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 5

pounds from February a year ago. January-February red meat production was 7.34 billion pounds, 3 percent below the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 6 percent lower than last year, pork was 2 percent higher



and lamb & mutton was down 7 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

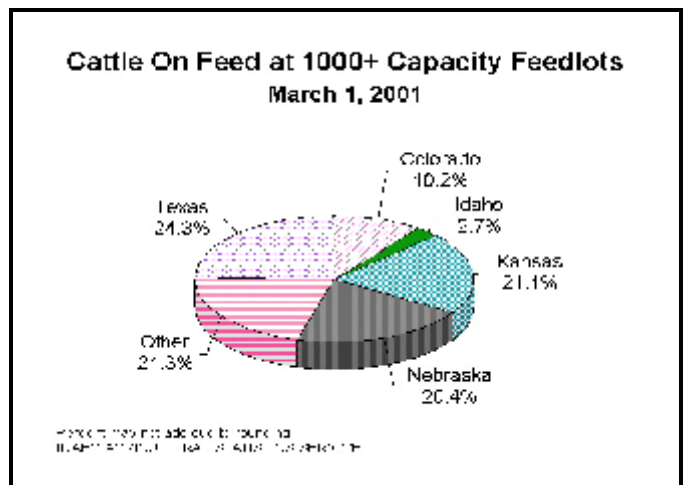
State	February 2000	January 2001	February 2001	February 2001 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				February 2000	January 2001
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	83.4	95.9	81.0	97	84
Colorado	190.5	192.5	153.6	81	80
IDAHO	44.6	53.0	45.0	101	85
Illinois	208.8	240.9	206.9	99	86
Iowa	497.9	521.3	456.7	92	88
Kansas	520.5	457.4	403.6	78	88
Minnesota	170.9	185.4	164.3	96	89
Montana	1.5	1.6	1.4	94	89
Nebraska	572.0	583.9	518.1	91	89
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	104	92
Oklahoma	78.3	82.1	72.9	93	89
Oregon	3.5	4.1	3.4	99	83
South Dakota	77.9	90.3	78.7	101	87
Texas	390.1	411.6	342.5	88	83
Utah	37.1	43.3	37.9	102	88
Washington	54.2	57.1	47.9	89	84
Wyoming	0.4	0.5	0.4	85	75
UNITED STATES	3,770.7	3,934.2	3,401.7	90	86

^{1/} Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. ^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data.

Idaho Cattle On Feed Up 5 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2001 totaled 320,000 head, up 5 percent from the March 1, 2000 inventory. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand as of February 1, 2001. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 59,000 head, down 11,000 head from February 2000 placements. Marketings during February totaled 62,000 head, up 5,000 head from February 2000 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on March 1, 2001. The inventory was 3 percent above March 1, 2000 and 12 percent above March 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.58 million, 16 percent below 2000 and 13 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.50 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 336,000, 600-699 pounds were 402,000, 700-799 pounds were 517,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 325,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.75 million, 15 percent below 2000 and 5 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 81,000 during February, 4 percent above 2000 and 25 percent above 1999.



Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	March 1, 2000	February 1, 2001	March 1, 2001		
			Number	As % of 2000	As % of February
		---1,000 Head---		---Percent---	
Arizona	275	302	307	112	102
California	405	445	440	109	99
Colorado	1,180	1,230	1,190	101	97
Idaho	305	325	320	105	98
Iowa	375	385	385	103	100
Kansas	2,320	2,500	2,470	106	99
Nebraska	2,310	2,430	2,380	103	98
New Mexico	105	116	111	106	96
Oklahoma	400	410	390	98	95
South Dakota	200	205	207	104	101
Texas	2,830	2,930	2,840	100	97
Washington	210	243	245	117	101
Other States	415	420	410	99	98
United States	11,330	11,941	11,695	103	98

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Frozen Potato Stocks Down 5 Percent

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on February 28, 2001, totaled 960 million pounds, an increase of 2% from January 31, 2001, but down 6% from February 29, 2000. Other frozen potatoes, at 244 million pounds, increased 2 percent from January stocks but were essentially unchanged from last year.

United States stocks of butter on February 28, 2001, totaled 83.6 million pounds, up 31% percent from the end of the previous month but down 23 percent from February 29, 2000. Of this 83.6 million pounds, the government owned 279 thousand pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 509 million pounds, basically unchanged from January 31, 2001, but down 5 percent from February 29, 2000. The government owned 1.81 million pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	Feb. 28, 2000	Jan. 31, 2001	Feb. 28, 2001	2001
				2000
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
POTATOES:				
French Fries	1,026,138	939,946	959,545	94
Other Frozen	244,010	239,519	244,266	100
TOTAL	1,270,148	1,179,465	1,203,811	95
DAIRY:				
Butter	107,847	63,625	83,571	77
(Gov't Owned)	383	338	279	73
Natural Cheese	536,165	510,330	509,039	95
American, Total				
(Gov't Owned)	67	2,270	1,806	

Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on March 1 totaled 75,000,000 cwt., 10,000,000 cwt. more than on hand March 1, 2000. Disappearance, at 77,320,000 cwt., is up from last year's 68,330,000 cwt. and above 1999's 72,000,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 6,000,000 cwt., 1,000,000 cwt. more than last year's 5,000,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 69,000,000 cwt., was 9,000,000 cwt. above the amount stored on March 1, 2000.

In the 15 fall storage states March 1, 2001 potato stocks totaled a record high 198 million cwt., up 17 percent from last year and 5 percent above the previous record set in March 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 43 percent of the fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to March 1 was a record high 264 million cwt.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors and Local Dealers on March 1, 2000 and March 1, 2001 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 1999			Crop of 2000		
	Production	Total Stocks March 1, 2000	March 1 Stocks as % of Production	Production	Total Stocks March 1, 2001	March 1 Stocks as % of Production
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	4,005	1,800	45	3,741	1,300	35
Colorado	25,762	12,900	50	27,972	13,000	46
Idaho	133,330	65,000	49	152,320	75,000	49
Maine	17,813	9,400	53	17,920	8,700	49
Michigan	14,963	4,200	28	14,963	3,400	23
Minnesota	18,020	6,200	34	21,240	10,100	48
Montana	3,325	2,700	81	3,503	3,000	86
Nebraska 2/ 3/	8,904			10,127		
New York	6,758	1,300	19	5,964	700	12
N. Dakota	26,400	9,000	34	26,950	11,100	41
Ohio 3/	987			1,134		
Oregon	28,020	15,500	55	30,683	17,300	56
Pennsylvania	3,080	700	23	3,510	700	20
Washington	95,200	28,000	29	108,000	40,000	37
Wisconsin	34,000	10,600	31	33,800	10,500	31
Other States		2,320			3,520	
15 STATE TOTAL	420,567	169,620	40	461,827	198,320	43

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage in 2000 totaled 29.7 million cwt. ^{2/} Summer estimates included with Fall in 2000. ^{3/} Stocks from states left blank combined into "Other States".